

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SAN ANTONIO

ARIELA ANELLI  
Plaintiff

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§ 5:21-cv-150  
§ CIVIL ACTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
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VS.

PHILIP JACK HAGEN  
Defendant

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§ JURY DEMANDED

**DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

Defendant, PHILIP JACK HAGEN files this notice of removal under 28 U.S.C. §1446(a).

**A. INTRODUCTION**

1. Plaintiffs is ARIELA ANNELI, and the Defendant is PHILIP JACK HAGEN.
2. On January 7, 2021, Plaintiff sued Defendant in the 73rd Judicial District Court of Bexar County, Texas, alleging Defendant's negligence caused an automobile accident.
3. Defendant was served with the lawsuit on January 18, 2021. Defendant files this notice of removal within the 30-day time period required by 28 U.S.C. §1446(b), as the deadline falls on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.
4. Removal is proper because there is complete diversity of citizenship between the parties. 28 U.S.C. §1332(a); *Johnson v. Columbia Props. Anchorage, L.P.*, 437 F.3d 894, 899-900 (9th Cir. 2006). Plaintiff is a citizen of the State of Texas, according to their allegations in the Plaintiff's Original Petition. At the time of the occurrence made the basis of this suit, Defendant was a citizen of the State of Delaware. Additionally, the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, excluding interest and costs (See Paragraph 17 of Plaintiff's Original Petition where she states that she is seeking damages in excess of \$1,000,000). 28 U.S.C. §1332(a).

5. Copies of all pleadings, process, orders, and other filings in the state-court suit are attached to this notice as required by 28 U.S.C. §1446(a) see **Exhibit “A”**.

6. Defendant will promptly file a copy of this notice of removal with the clerk of the state court where the suit has been pending.

#### **C. JURY DEMAND**

7. Plaintiff did demand a jury in the state court suit.

#### **D. CONCLUSION**

8. There is complete diversity between the parties, and Defendant is a citizen of a state other than Texas. Additionally, the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000. For these reasons, Defendant asks the Court to remove the suit to the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this instrument has been forwarded, in accordance with the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, to:

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on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.



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